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ADVISORY ON COVID-19 March 13, 2020

In view of the President's Declaration of Code Red Alert Sub Level 2 over the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) as contained in Resolution 11 Series of 2020 dated March 12, 2020, the following measures are hereby adopted to safeguard everyone against COVID-19;

- Activation of Iriga COVID-19 Task Force and Barangay Emergency Health Response Team for COVID-19.
- Effective Monday, March 16, 2020 Flag Raising and Flag Retreat Ceremonies in the City Hall are cancelled, instead employees are instructed to clean and disinfect their personal spaces and offices, and other areas frequently used by the public. Heads of Offices are mandated to schedule a regular disinfection for frequently touch surfaces inside in their offices.
- Use of biometrics for time-in and time-out is also cancelled. Employees will use the Attendance Logbook for this purpose.
- Employees are banned from receiving personal visitors. Only those who have transactions with the government are allowed in the offices.
- Employees are prohibited to share food and eating utensils with others during meals in their offices. Everyone is required to bring his/her own reusable dining wares.
- Employees who have shortness of breath, fever, cough, cold and flu-like symptoms shall stay home and have themselves checked by a doctor. They should bring a doctor's clearance when reporting back to work.
- Hand sanitizers or alcohol should be made available for the public before entering and leaving the offices.
- All scheduled "large events" of the City Government and its component barangays shall be cancelled or postponed until this Advisory is lifted.
- 9. Public and private learning institutions, civic groups and organizations, religious group and government agencies are highly encouraged to cancel or postpone their mass gatherings in the City until such time that this Advisory is lifted. However, should organizers, wish to proceed with the conduct of the event or services they are required to notify the City at least one (1) week prior the scheduled conduct of mass gatherings for risk assessment and monitoring purpose.

- 10. All tourism stakeholders and enterprises are advised to adopt DOT and DOH Guidelines and customize to the most appropriate process in their operations. Meanwhile, limited tourist movement is encouraged to contain the spread of the virus.
- All Barangay Activities and Celebrations shall be postponed until June 30, 2020.
 However, there shall be no disruption in the delivery of health and basic barangay services.
- 12. Places of worship should come out with their guidelines in the conduct of activities for the observance of the lent and Ramadan. All rituals and ceremonies pertaining to these religious activities that can be dispersed with are highly encouraged.
- 13. All are hereby enjoined to review and abide by the DOH Advisory pertinent to the organization:
 - For workplace DOLE Labor Advisory #4 Series 2020 and DOH Dept. Memo 2020-0056
 - For Hospitals DOH Dept. Memo 2020-0035
 - For Residential Communities DOH Dept. Memo 2020-0059
 - For Schools DOH Dept. Memo 2020-0055 and DepEd Memo 15 s. 2020
 - For Hotels and Other Similar Establishments DOH Dept. Memo 24 2020-0057
- 14. All concerned are advised to generate information from the Official Advisory of the City and not to entertain fake news posted in Social Media.

PREVENTION ACTIONS TO HELP PREVENT SPREAD OF RESPIRATORY DISEASES INCLUDING COVID-19

- 1. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your MEN (Mouth, Eyes and Nose).
- 3. Stay home when you are sick.
- 4. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- 6. Use of facemask is encouraged:
 - Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for health workers and people who are taking care of someone in close settings (at home or in a health care facility).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially
 after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing
 or sneezing.

If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are
visibly dirty.

The following decision tool for COVID-19 Assessment shall be adopted by the Task Force on COVID-19 per DOH Department Circular No. 2020-0080.

Decision Tool for Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-2019) Assessment (as of February 26, 2020)

Signs and Symptoms	Travel History in the past 14 Days to Areas with Issued Travel Restrictions	History of Exposure	Case Category and Interventions
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	•	*	Person Under Monitoring (PUM) For monitored self-quarantine for 14 days Bureau of Quarantine Collects and evaluates the BOQ Health Declaration Card and Public Health Passenger Locator Form (Annex C) at points of entry Advises person to go on home quarantine for 14 days (Annex D) Notifies Center for Health Development (CHD) with jurisdiction of the traveler's final destinations Center for Health Development Notifies local health office (PHO & CHO/MHO) of the PUMs profile, status and location of PUMs Local Health Office
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•		*	Provides a plan for self-monitoring instructions and for notifying the health department before seeking health care if symptoms develop Checks regularly the condition of the PUMs over the course of the home quarantine period through the Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams Issues certificate of completion of 14-day quarantine
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^{*}Note: Prescribed forms in the said annexes are attached in the DOH Circular

For any assistance and/or further information and queries, please contact the TASK FORCE COVID-19/CDRRMO Emergency Operations Center at the following:

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For your kind information, guidance and appropriate action.

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